

A Zealous prayer to God, vsed and said euery day by the
poore Prisoners of the *Marshalsey*, for all their good Benefactors.



Most gracious God and our louing Father, loke downe
for Iesus Christ his sake, vpon vs thy poore children with
thine eyes of mercy, and let thine eares be opened vnto
our prayers. We confesse holy Father, that we are not
worthy to open our sinfull mouthes to speake vnto thy ho-
ly Maiesste: nor to receiue any good thing from thee, be-
cause we haue like Prodigall children mispent thy bless-
ings, and in the whole course of our liues haue erred and strayed from thee,
and thy holy waies, and thereby haue dishonoured thee and giuen euill ex-
ample vnto others. We confesse also that thou hast iustly shut vs vp in pri-
son, as men vniworthy of the liberty and Communion of Saints, so as we
cannot visi't thy holy Temple to see the beauty of thy face by hearing of thy
worde, and praise thee in the congregation as they doe. That we haue eyes
to see and hearts to lament our finnes, that haue brought this vpon vs: Sa-
than hath blinded vs so as we cannot see, and hardened our hearts, so as we
cannot lament: O thou most gracious God and louing Father, take pittie
on vs thy poore children for Christ his sake, and shew thy mercy in sending
thy holy Spirit into vs, to destroy this power of Satan within vs, and to
sanctifie vs throughout in bodies and in soules, that from henceforth we may
glozifie thee with our bodies and soules.

And where as now by reason of our imprisonment, we can not goe a-
broad to labour for our liuing, we might starue and perishe, were it not but
that thou of thy mercy and goodnes hast stirred by many of thy children to
releue vs, we doe most humbly thank thee for them, and doe hartely beseech
thee euen for Iesus Christ his sake, to reward them seauen-fold, and
to let thy blessing euer remaine vpon them and theirs. We beseech thee
also for our enemies, that it would please thee to forgive them, and to
graunt vs also grace to forgive them. And wherein-soeuer we haue gi-
uen iust cause of offence vnto them we beseech thee to forgive vs, and to
graunt them grace also to forgive vs. And in thy good time giue deliuerance
vnto vs from our imprisonment, in the meane while continue thy goodnes
towards vs, and aboue all graunt vs patience and the inward strength
and comfort of thy Holy Spirit and grace to profit daily more and more to
amendment of life by thy correction, to thy glorie and our everlasting com-
fort through Christ Iesus our Lord, to whom with thee and the holy Ghost,
be all honoꝛ, thanks, praise and glorie, both now and for euermore. Amen.